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INTELLIGENCE REPORT

COUNTRY Syris/France

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SUBJECT

Committee for Investigation of Syrian-French Relations Since 1920

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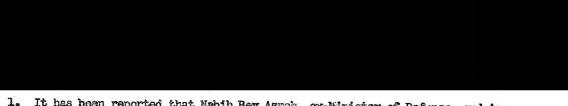
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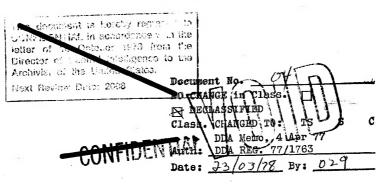
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ORIGIN

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- It has been reported that Nabih Bey Azmah, ex-Minister of Defense, and two other men (not identified) were organizing a committee for the purpose of investigating questions arising from relations between Syria and France since 1920. The following are said to be some of the points to be investigated by this committee, according to its members:
 - (a) Material damage caused by the French;
 - (b) Large amounts of money borrowed by Syrian nationalists who were forced to leave their homes and to live in exile for several years;
 - (c) Financial credit lost by Syria through the depreciation of French currency and its counterpart, Syrian paper money, during the past 25
- 2. A central committee has been organized and a large number of local branches are to be set up all over Syria, with the intention of collecting all the data on French relations with Syria, after which the committee intends to present the case for the latter country.
- 3. This committee has been privately organized and has no official standing beyond the fact that the government is aware of its existence and is said to have given unofficial blessing to its activities.



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